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Comments of Draft Training Regulation concerning the Establishment of Policy, Program, Responsibilities and Procedures for Training Evaluation.

1. The Maritime Training Branch conducts two courses of instruction. One is a one-week Staff Maritime Orientation Course while the other is a nineteen week course at [redacted] whose purpose is to professionally train maritime case officers and agents. Both are advanced courses requiring completion of the basic courses of TRS. 25X1A2d1

2. The Maritime Training Branch considers that its primary function is to instruct rather than to test. It is the opinion of the Branch that further remarks by this Branch on personality traits of individual students would be, in most cases, redundant as this would already have been completed in the basic courses.

3. The Staff Maritime Orientation Course is conducted on a tight schedule which completely occupies the time of one week. Its purpose is to introduce staff employees to the problems of planning and conducting maritime operations. It does not qualify them as maritime case officers and is partially seminar in content. No time is available for a test to be given without eliminating some of the instructional material. Consequently, the only evaluation which could be given, and which would not have much value, would be a letter form stating the student was or was not satisfactory.

4. The curriculum for the course to be given at [redacted] is still in the formative stage. Again, a series of tests would mean curtailment of time required for instruction. However, it is planned that the Branch will be able to testify at the end of the course whether or not, in its opinion, students have acquired the skills needed to qualify [redacted] or not they are considered to be [redacted] At present, it is planned that this evaluation will be in letter form. 25X1A2d1

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